



Supreme Court of Illinois

November 3, 2015

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION CEREMONIES NOVEMBER 5 IN FIVE LOCATIONS

Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 1,605 new attorneys on Thursday, November 5 at five separate locations across the state.

The largest group —1,306—will be admitted in the First Judicial District during two ceremonies at the Arie Crown Theater, 2301 Lake Shore Drive, in Chicago. The ceremonies will be at 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

All of the candidates set to be sworn in have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness. They will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,000.

Justice Anne M. Burke will preside over the 9:45 a.m. ceremony in the First District and Justice Mary Jane Theis will preside over the 12:45 p.m. ceremony.

At the 9:45 a.m. ceremony, Will County Circuit Judge Richard C. Schoenstedt will move for admission of the class. Cook County Circuit Judge Sharon M. Sullivan and Chicago attorney Stephen Stern will second the motion. They all have children who will be taking the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

Other guests of the morning ceremony will include: Patricia Brown Holmes, president of the Chicago Bar Association; and Cook County Circuit Judge Jessica A. O'Brien, president of the Women's Bar Association.

At the 12:45 p.m. ceremony, Cook County Associate Judge Thomas J. Condon will move for admission of the class. Chicago attorneys Terrence M. Burns, David H. Levy, and Thomas M. Tully will second the motion. They all have children in the class.

Other guests of the afternoon ceremony will include: Arlene Y. Coleman, president of the Cook County Bar Association; and Michael T. Brody, president of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

On behalf of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, Andrew M. Raucci will attend both First District ceremonies.

In addition to Chicago, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Springfield, Elgin, Kankakee, and Carbondale.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth District ceremony, which will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 South Sixth Street, in Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second District ceremony at 10 a.m. at Hemmens Memorial Building in the Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, in Elgin.

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Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third District ceremony, which will be held at 11 a.m. at Kankakee Community College Main Auditorium, 100 College Drive, in Kankakee.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth District ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Auditorium, 1150 Douglas Drive, in Carbondale.

Media coverage is invited.

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